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SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *October 24, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to submit herewith the following report for the week ended October 19, 1901:

Santiago.—During this period there was a total of 12 deaths reported, making the annual rate of mortality 14.51 per 1,000 for the week. The causes of death were the following: Fever, intermittent malarial, 1; tubercle of lungs, 1; cancer of the uterus, 1; anæmia, 1; cerebral congestion and hemorrhage, 1; tetanus, 1; organic diseases of the heart, 2; diarrhea and enteritis (under 2 years), 1; peritonitis, 1; malformation, 1; unspecified causes of death, 1. Total, 12.

During the same week 7 vessels were inspected and passed on arrival, 3 vessels were passed without inspection, and 9 bills of health were issued to vessels prior to sailing. One vessel, the provisional flag steamship *Julia*, was disinfected October 16, 1901, prior to sailing for Porto Rico. Seventy-two nonimmune certificates were issued to passengers leaving this port. Fifty-eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Manzanillo.—Acting Asst. Surg. R. de Socarras reports 3 deaths, due to the following causes: Fever, intermittent malarial, 1; cerebral congestion and hemorrhage, 1; tetanus, 1. Total, 3. Annual rate mortality for the week, 10.78 per 1,000. Six vessels were inspected and passed during the week and 4 vessels received bills of health.

Guantanamo.—Acting Asst. Surg. Luis Espin reports 5 deaths, due to the following causes: Tubercle of lungs, 1; tetanus, 1; endocarditis, 1; diarrhea and enteritis, chronic, 1; ill-defined causes of death, 1. Total, 5. Annual rate mortality for the week, 14.44 per 1,000. Three vessels were inspected and passed on arrival, 1 vessel was passed without inspection, and 2 vessels received bills of health prior to sailing.

Daiquiri.—Nothing of interest reported. During the week 2 vessels were inspected and passed on arrival and 1 vessel received bill of health.

Respectfully,

R. H. VON EZDORF,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Santiago de Cuba during the week ended October 12, 1901.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *October 12, 1901.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 12, 1901: October 7, provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, from San Juan, P. R., with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

R. H. VON EZDORF,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Inspection of immigrants at Manzanillo during the week ended October 12, 1901.*MANZANILLO, CUBA, *October 12, 1901.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 12, 1901: October 7, Norwegian steamship *Fane*, from Puerto Cabello, with 3 immigrants.

Respectfully,

R. DE SOCARRAS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ENGLAND.

Plague in Liverpool.

[No. 113.]

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *October 30, 1901.*

SIR: I beg to confirm cablegram sent to the Department on Saturday, the 26th instant, to the following effect: "Am officially advised by Liverpool health officer 2 cases in hospital suggestive of plague." Also one sent to-day, October 30, to the following effect: "Two fatal cases plague in Liverpool this week and several cases in hospital."

I inclose copy of official statement this day made to me by Dr. Hope, medical officer of Liverpool, in relation to the existence of plague in this city. I have had several conferences with Dr. Hope, and also with several other representatives of the steamship companies, and I am of the opinion that everything possible is being done to prevent the spread of the plague.

Respectfully,

JAMES BOYLE,

United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

*Accompanying dispatch Consul Boyle, October 30, 1901—In re plague at Liverpool.*PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, *October 30, 1901.*

A joint meeting of representatives of the health committee and the port sanitary and hospital committee was held to-day at the municipal offices.

A report from the medical officer of health was submitted to the following effect:

MEMORANDUM RE PLAGUE.

The medical officer begs to report the following circumstances for the information of the committee:

From time to time during the past two years cases of plague and suspected plague have arrived in the port, a circumstance which is inevitable in view of the fact that Liverpool trades with practically every port in the world, whether plague infected or not, and there have from time to time been isolated in the city hospitals persons whose illness in some respects simulated plague, or whose conditions or surroundings were such as to give reason for suspicion. It will be remembered that plague has recently made its appearance in various English ports, and in the case of Glasgow it effected a lodgment in the city for some considerable period. Liverpool, therefore, is exposed to the importation of plague not only from the sea, but overland. Among more recent doubtful cases may be mentioned that of Christopher McC., a young man residing at No. — Horatio street. He was removed to the workhouse hospital on account of illness on September 28. His illness was believed to be due to injury at football, and some large glands in the groin ascribed to this were removed. The patient died on October 3, and subsequent investigation furnished grounds for believing that this had